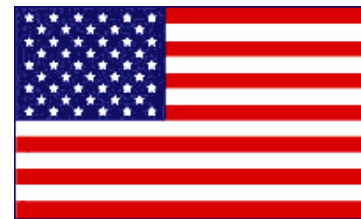




# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division  
Vancouver, Washington Division  
Community Based Outpatient Clinics  
Salem, OR Bend, OR  
Longview, WA Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)*



## NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u>  <b>T38H-06-356-JC</b>	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u>  <b>Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician (FS) GS-640-5/6/7 \$31,915 to \$47,531 per annum</b>	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u>  <b>All Shifts M-F</b>	4. <u>Duty Station</u>  <b>Patient Care Services Division, Portland Division</b>
5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u>  <b>Permanent Multiple Full-time positions</b>	6. <u>Contact</u>  <b>Human Resources Assistant 503-220-8262 x 57317</b>	7. <u>Opening Date</u>  <b>6/7/06</b>	8. <u>Closing Date</u>  <b>Until Filled 1<sup>st</sup> consideration date 6/20/06</b>

### WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.
- Any US Citizen

### MAJOR DUTIES:

The incumbent administers assisted and controlled ventilation to patients with tracheotomies and other complex medical problems requiring frequent adjustments in ventilator parameters. Administers and monitors advanced ventilator techniques such as positive and expiratory pressure and continuous positive airway pressure. Develops plans for weaning patients from ventilators. Performs the most difficult respirator therapy procedures to maintain ventilation, including endotracheal intubation, tracheal lavage and tracheotomy care. Performs complex respiratory procedures with minimal supervision.

### **THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

**Eligibility:** VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G10 for CRTT applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office. Regulatory requirements such as "time-in-grade" and "time after competitive appointment" are applicable.

**Basic Requirements:** Has been issued a certificate as a CRTT by the NBRC (National Board for Respiratory Care) or a certificate from another body which the NBRC recognizes as its credentialing equivalent. This included certification based on either:

(1) Having successfully completed a respiratory therapy technician (1 year) or respiratory therapy program accredited by the Joint Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education and having passed the entry level examination administered by the NBRC since 1983, or

(2) Having a certificate as a respiratory or inhalation therapy technician based on passing an entrance examination administered by the (1) National Board for Respiratory Therapy from 1975 through 1982; (2) Technician Certification Board of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy from 1972 through 1974; or (3) Technician Certification Board of the American Association for Inhalation Therapy from 1969 through 1971.

Please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet.

**Specialized Experience: GS-6/7:** At least 1 year of experience related to respiratory therapy at the next lower level in federal service or equivalent. Experience at this level is work which included duties such as: administering oxygen and aerosols containing prescribed medications to patients involving the use of a variety of standard respiratory equipment; drawing and analyzing blood samples from patients; collecting sputum specimens using aerosol administration and tracheal suctioning; performing chest physical therapy using techniques such as clapping, vibrating, and postural drainage to facilitate the removal of secretions; calibrating equipment such as oxygen regulators and blood gas analyzers; and setting up and monitoring the operation of compressors, nebulizers, non-breathing masks, and co-oximeters. This experience must have provided the candidates with a wide knowledge of commonly used respiratory equipment, procedures and techniques, including an understanding of the basic medical sciences such as anatomy, physiology, chemistry, and physics and how they relate to the respiratory and cardiovascular systems of the human body; knowledge of the various respiratory diseases such as bronchitis, asthma, and emphysema, including the appropriate methods of treatment; and knowledge of commonly used respiratory drugs such as bronchodilators..

**Substitution of Education for Experience: GS-6:** A minimum 2-year accredited educational program of study in respiratory therapy. **GS-7:** A 4-year or more accredited program of study leading to a bachelor's or higher degree in respiratory therapy. If using education as a substitute for experience, please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet.

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

This is an Excepted Appointment. Excepted service positions have been excepted from the requirements of the competitive service by law, Executive Order, or by OPM regulation (5 USC 2103 and 5 CFR part 213). Public law No. 108-170 converts this occupational series from the competitive civil service to the Hybrid Title 38 employment system.

Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future.

Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

All information submitted to this VA Medical Center is subject to verification by VetPro.

A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.

This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.

Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).

[VACareers](#) has descriptions of all Title 38 Jobs and their benefits.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

**All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 6/20/06 for first consideration. This position is Open until Filled.** Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website, [www.va.gov/Portland/hr/index.asp](http://www.va.gov/Portland/hr/index.asp).

*Applications may be mailed to:*

Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

**Attn: T38H-06-356-JC**

PO Box 1034

Portland, OR 97207

*Or brought in person to:*

Portland VA Medical Center

3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd

Building 16, Room 300

Portland OR 97239

**Portland VAMC employees must submit:**

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)

**Other VA Employees must submit:**

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#)
4. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
5. Copies of all current licenses and registrations
6. Latest performance appraisal

**Non VA Applicants must submit:**

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later). **(REQUIRED)**.
4. Veterans Preference:
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
  - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
  - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
6. Copies of all current licenses, registrations, or certifications (applicable to job).
7. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

**APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:**

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**